

Crimson Clover Seed Harvest Drops

Production of crimson-clover seed this year is forecast at only 7,855,000 pounds of clean seed according to the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. This is 51 per cent of last year's crop and only two-fifths of the 1944-45 average production. Reseeding varieties (Dixie, Autauga, Auburn and others) represent 4,355,000 pounds, or about 55 percent of 1955 production compared with 10,530,000 pounds and 69 percent of 1954 production.

The crop is expected to be much smaller this year than last in all states except Arkansas

and Oregon. The sharpest reduction is in South Carolina where the crop is only about a tenth of last year. Indicated reductions in other states are: Georgia, 75 percent less; Alabama, 71 percent less; Texas, 64 percent; Mississippi, 36 percent; Arkansas, 36 percent less; and Tennessee, 36 percent less.

Dry weather in southeastern states last fall made it extremely difficult to establish stands contributing in large part to the reduced acreage harvested for

seed. Weather conditions during February and most of March were favorable, inducing rapid growth. However, during the last week in March freezing temperatures killed much of the crimson clover and greatly reduced yield prospects for the acreage being saved for seed was turned under after the freeze. In addition, heavy rains occurred in most areas of the South just prior to and during harvest, shattering much of the seed. The crop escaped damage in parts of Arkansas, and conditions to date have been favorable.

Lawrence Rowell Farm, Victoria Road, Identified



THE ELBA CLIPPER

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FARM NEWS

COTTON GROWER WARNED ABOUT EXCESS ACRES

Any farmer in Coffee County whose cotton acreage is in excess of his farm's cotton allotment is reminded that he must dispose of the excess acreage within 30 days after the date of the County Committee's notice of such excess cotton acreage. According to M. C. Wilkes, the chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, the number of such farmers is small.

If it was not possible to dispose of the excess cotton acreage within the time limit because of circumstances beyond the farmer's control, it is suggested that he immediately get in touch with the County ASC office. In such cases, the County Committee may allow an additional period of not more than 10 days for disposing of excess acreage. The cost of rechecking must be paid by the producer. If the planted cotton acreage is not adjusted to the farm allotment, the "excess" cotton is subject to a penalty, which must be paid even though no cotton is marketed from the farm, Mr. Wilkes further explains. The rate of the penalty will be 50 percent of cotton parity price as of June 15, 1955. Until the penalty is paid, the entire crop of upland cotton produced on the farm will be subject to a lien in favor of the United States.

Farmers who are knowingly overplanted and who do not adjust their upland cotton acreage likewise are ineligible for price support of the 1955 crop produced on the farm.

Poultrymen Plan to Keep Yearling Hens

AUBURN—Hanging on to yearling hens a little longer than usual this year may prove to be profitable. And at present it looks as if many Alabama egg producers may take advantage of this system to cash in on rising egg prices and smaller pullet replacements expected this fall.

However, API Extension Poultryman John Weeks points out that this practice won't pay off unless a profitable production level is maintained among the year-old hens. Speaking at Auburn this week, he offered the following suggestions to farmers who plan to keep yearling hens after they have stopped laying profitably and have begun molting. Don't keep the birds after they have stopped laying profitably and have begun molting. Don't keep the birds after they have stopped laying profitably and have begun molting. Don't keep the birds after they have stopped laying profitably and have begun molting.

Alabama Spring Pig Crop Was Largest In State's History

Alabama's 1955 spring pig crop was the largest on record and 16 per cent above last spring, according to the Alabama Cooperative Crop Reporting Service. Estimated at 979,000 head the 1955 spring crop was 20 per cent above the 10-year (1944-53) average and 4 percent above previous record of 944,000 established in 1952. The number of sows farrowing this spring is estimated at 144,000 head, up 15 per cent from last spring and 14 per cent above intentions to farrow reported last fall. The South Central area intentions pointed to a 5 per cent increase for spring farrowing, but actually farrowings increased 19 per cent. Pigs per litter averaged 6.8, the same as last spring and compares with a 10-year average of 6.2.

Reports from farmers on breeding intentions indicate an increase of 5 per cent in the number of sows to farrow in the fall of 1955. If realized, this would be 132,000 head, compared with 126,000 head last fall and a 10-year average of 121,000.

Good Meal-Outdoors

That's Ideal Picnic AUBURN—Once the Fourth of July picnic is over, you'll want to have pleasant memories, rather than stomach pain, to remind you of it.

Barring an accident to some member of the party, about the only thing likely to make your picnic unpleasant to remember is the food. If what you take along is hard to digest, hard to eat, or hard to pay for, the picnic atmosphere that makes a picnic truly successful is destroyed.

According to API Extension Consumer Education Specialist Dorothy Overbe, these problems are easily avoided. With a little forethought, the picnic can be a plan and prepare a delicious picnic fare from inexpensive foods that the family eats every day. The menu should include foods that are easy to carry and easy to eat, but the meal can also be a nutritious one. Miss Overbe says that many highly nutritious foods are especially suited to outdoor eating. She urges homemakers to keep these points in mind and to plan their holiday outings for best results.

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In the matter of the estate of J. R. Clark, deceased.

In the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division.

Letters testamentary under the last will and testament of said deceased having been granted the undersigned on the 12th day of May, 1955, by the

Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

Fred Polson, Executor of J. R. Clark, deceased, June 30-July 14, 1955.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS The Annual meeting of the membership of South Alabama

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Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held on Tuesday, July 26th, 1955, beginning at 10 o'clock M. at the Pike Theatre, Troy, Pike County, Alabama, for the election of Trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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J. A. Young, secretary June 23-30-July 7-14

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the morning and the next service will be in the evening. Rev. Lewis Pope, pastor, announces. These churches are located just outside of Elba and everyone in these communities is invited to attend.

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Ellis Franklin and daughter, Mrs. J. D. Whitman, are visiting relatives in Elba this week.

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Mrs. I. A. Hutchison of Panama City is visiting relatives in Elba this week.

Marion Brunson is convalescing in Gibson Hospital after an operation for appendicitis on Tuesday.

Misses Diane Larkins, Paula Nan Smith and Sara Beth Seay spent several days last week in Montgomery with Kayron Willes.

MARRIED

Mrs. J. D. Whitman, Society Editor

Mr. & Mrs. Emmett Virgil Webster who were married on June 3 are honeymooning in California. Mrs. Webster is the former Miss Frances Veal Maddox, daughter of Mrs. James Bruce Maddox and the late Mr. Maddox of Dothan. Mr. Webster's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Webster of Stockton, Calif.

The couple was married in the home of the bride's sister and

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SOCIETY NEWS SECTION

Mrs. J. D. Whitman

Society Editor



Mrs. J. D. Whitman, president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Alabama Pharmaceutical Association, was photographed as she presented Miss Mildred Smith of Montgomery at the Friendship dinner. The dinner was held opening night of the convention at the Edgewater Hotel in Elba, Miss. June 13-15. Miss Smith is Assistant-Journal county editor. Mr. & Mrs. Whitman are staunch supporters of the Pharmaceutical Association and rarely miss the yearly convention.

brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Heiser on South Allee Street in Dothan. Dr. Samuel E. Maddox officiated at the nuptial service which took place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Musical selections played during the ceremony included "Because" and "Oh, Sweet Mystery of Life." Decorations in the reception rooms featured a background of greenery and a large basket arrangement of white gladioli and Admiral Byrd daisies in sun burst design. Similar clusters of the same type flowers adorned the buffet in the dining room.

The bride entered with her grandfather F. D. Veal who gave her in marriage. Her wedding dress was fashioned of white

Mr. & Mrs. Fox Brunson and Marion spent several days last week with Mr. & Mrs. Fox Brunson Jr. in Mobile.

Mr. & Mrs. Willis Wilson and Mrs. Bill Martin spent the week end in Winston, Ga.

Mr. & Mrs. Luther Vaughn and Mrs. Bill Maddox and children have returned from a visit with relatives in Panama City, Fla. accompanied them home for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Johnnie B. Wise.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ellis of Montgomery spent the weekend with Mrs. Ross Clark.

Mr. & Mrs. Wayland Young have returned home after a visit with their son Frank and his family in Falls Church, Va.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Morrow Prescott and little daughter have returned to Long Beach, Calif. after visiting his mother, Mrs. Albert Prescott and other relatives here.

Mr. & Mrs. Percy Jones and son are spending their vacation with his parents, Rev. & Mrs. Jones.

French lace trimmed in chalk white beads and rhinestones. She carried a nosegay of white carnations and tuberoses showered with double faced satin ribbon. Mrs. Maddox, mother of the bride wore a lavender chiffon dress and carried a pink carnations. Mrs. Veal, the bride's grandmother, was attired in a rose crepe dress and her corsage was rose colored gladioli.

Following the ceremony Mr. & Mrs. Heiser were hosts at a reception. The bride's table, overlaid with a lace cloth was centered with a tiered cake topped with a miniature bride and groom. The cake was embossed in spun sugar flower designs and encircled at the base with a double tulip ruffle. White candles burned in tall crystal candelabra. Punch was served from tables arranged in the dining room.

When the couple left on their wedding trip, the bride was attired in a navy blue sheer costume with white accessories. Mr. Webster will leave later this month for an army assignment in Europe and his bride will reside with her mother on South Appletree Street.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Rowe are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Pierce at their cottage at Sunny-side Beach.

Misses Betty and Judy Newcomb of Tallahassee, Fla. are visiting in the home of their aunt, Mrs. N. M. Norman.

Mrs. Billie Oggs and Butch and Candace are spending the week with Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Oggs at Bahama Beach.

Mrs. Mangan Buchanan of Enterprise spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. James English.

Dr. & Mrs. John R. Crook and son Johnny of Evergreen spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. W. R. Crook.

Rev. Elvin Edgar and Miss Patsy Sellers, president of the M.Y.T. are spending this week at Blue Lake Assembly.

Mr. & Mrs. George Herring of Andalusia spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. James English.

Lt. Col. & Mrs. Douglas Easters and children of Maxwell

Field are spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Eva Easters.

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NEWS AND CARTOON

Through the Keyhole

BY MRS. ROBERT CANNON

SUMMER TIME. It was one of those rare summer afternoons when the sun was hazy and a soft breeze stirred the trees. Looking as if they were thoroughly enjoying life and each other's company, we found Jeanette (Fleming) Kendrick and Sammie (Blue) Morrow. The invitation to have a frosty drink and a soft rocking chair was too tempting to be refused, and we three chatted until dusk began to fall.

Sammie was wearing a feminine dress of blue checked gingham styled with tiny tucks, pearl buttons and a Peter Pan collar. She told us that this September will find her with a new job. She'll be teaching in Enterprise from now on, in the grammar school. Know that the youngsters in the county school where she previously taught will really miss her as she was quite devoted to them.

When I complimented Jeanette on the cute green cotton she was wearing I couldn't resist asking if she had made it herself. Discovered some time ago that her secret to always looking so cute and stylish is designing and sewing her own clothes. But the part of the secret I want to find out is when she finds the time since she also teaches school.

Both Jeanette and Sammie are active in their churches. Jeanette at the Baptist church, and Sammie at the Methodist, doing Sunday School and Missionary Circle work.

It was a pleasant afternoon, the memory of which stands out as an oasis of quietness in our hurried world.

LEAVES of russet and gold were on the trees when we last visited Starlight Williams at her lovely home. However, the trip is no less rewarding in the summer. A cool canopy of tree wards off the heat and the red clay road winds pleasantly until the hill of pines is reached.

Driving up to the house, Bob and I wished for the hundredth time for a place just like it. All was quietness and through the trees Starlight's horses could be seen, ears alert at our intrusion. Our puppies tumbled out of the car, fully aware of the bowl of milk and box of cookies waiting for them in the comfortable kitchen.

Visiting Starlight this week is her sister, "Miss Daisy." We hope for an invitation to return and see her during her stay.

Coach & Mrs. Frank Buckner and children Judy and Joy of Bickley, Ga. spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. P. H. Sellers and other friends.

Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Atkins and children, Susan and Melinda and Mike, visited relatives in Columbus and Newman, Ga. over the weekend.

Joe Miller, son of Mr. & Mrs. Macdon Miller, is convalescing from an appendectomy at Opp hospital where he was carried last week.

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Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Ringsdorf Jr. were no exception.

Entertaining the groomsmen of the Carpenter-Ringsdorf wedding party was Mrs. Lamar Kaine. On June 12 at high noon her home was the setting for a lovely luncheon. The dining table was covered with an imported linen cloth. A fragile arrangement of red roses and

shasta daisies centered the table while the places were marked with Marshall's gifts to his groomsmen.

Enjoying one of their hostesses famous dinners were Marshall Ringsdorf, the honoree, Mr. Ringsdorf, Billy Vaughan, Fred Rainer, Donald Jacobs, Doyle Carpenter, Robert Casey and Carlton Casey of Williamsburg, Va. and Jim Patrenos.

Understand that Marshall had a grand time and that Marshall took all the teasing good-naturedly.

The Bridesmaids Luncheon was given by Mrs. Melvin Booser and Mrs. Eric Paul in the latter's home on Brantley Road. The reception rooms were decorated with arrangements of pink roses, daisies and Queen Ann's lace. Pink candles burned in crystal candelabra. Standard baskets of gladioli at either end of the table. Silver trays held dainty arrangements of sandwiches and cakes. Dainty packages of rice tied in pink and green net decorated a large silver tray. These were later given to the guests.

Attending this lovely party were the honorees, Doris and Marshall, the members of the wedding party and the following: Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Booser, Judge & Mrs. Eric Paul, Mr. Fulton Spurlin, Mrs. Murray L. Seay, Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf, Mr. & Mrs. Shirley Carpenter, Mr. & Mrs. Rainer, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Jacobs, Mrs. Fred Rainer and Carlton Casey.

Visiting the Lee English's this week is her sister, Mrs. G. T. Saxton of Birmingham. Enjoyed an afternoon chat with them on the day of Mrs. Saxton's arrival. As she will be here for several days we look forward to another meeting.

Mrs. Sarva and little grandson, George Patrenos, are visiting this week with her son, James Patrenos.



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As the result was announced
outside, boss from the vast
throng of veterans mingled with
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of their leaders that "we will
stay here until the bonus is
paid." The crowd remained or-
derly and hundreds started to
leave the Capitol immediately.

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Elba Chapter of Eastern Star
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pointed for the ensuing year: Worthy
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Worthy Patron, T. H. Deal; As-
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Editorials

Ad Valorem Tax Equalization Bill Up for Study

Senators from two Wiregrass counties
introduced a bill in the Senate Wednesday,
June 22, which should be made into law. It
would give the State Revenue Department
the power to raise or lower tax valorem tax
assessments in any county. Senator Flown
from Houston and Senator Metcalf
from Geneva sponsored the bill. Ten other
Senators joined in sponsoring this measure
intended to equalize property assessments
in all 67 counties.

Fred Taylor, staff writer for the Bir-
mingham News, reported no figures were
mentioned at which assessments would be
fixed but that the Folsom administration is
aiming at a percentage level of 25 to 35 per
cent of what is considered a fair market
value.

The bill would give State Revenue
Commissioner La Rue a Horn's department
authority to temper the tax valorem tax
of each county with the records of sales of
property and "shall determine the ratio of

the assessed valuation of the property in
each county to the fair and reasonable mar-
ket value."

One stipulation in the bill reads: "If
it shall appear to the Department of Re-
venue that in any one or more counties of this
state, or in any municipality or precinct, the
taxable value upon any one or more
classes of property are not reasonably uni-
form with the values fixed upon the same
classes of property in other counties...
the Department shall fix the percentage of
increase or decrease the equalization."

And the bill further provides that the
Department of Revenue "shall direct the
Board of Equalization (in each county) to
increase or decrease the equalization."

This would be one fair way of spread-
ing the tax load equally over the state.
Since a good deal of this money stays in the
county where it is raised and goes for edu-
cation, lawmakers should give serious con-
sideration to this measure.

Proposed State Legislation Hits All Fields

Laws which would regulate almost ev-
erything got dropped into the legislative
mill at Montgomery during the biennial ses-
sion of the lawmakers. Some of the bills
strike right at the heart of our competitive
economy.

One which should never get beyond
committee is S. 137 by Leonard which de-
fines and prohibits unfair sales practices by
wholesalers and retailers. Definition of an
unfair sales practice in this bill is advertis-
ing or offering for sale of merchandise be-
low cost for the purpose of injuring com-
petitors, or destroying or substantially less-
ening competition.

Does this mean grocery stores could
no longer offer a "loss leader" to get people
into their establishment to trade. Or what
about the case of a mercantile store that
over stocked an item and has to get rid of
it to pay the supplier or make room for
other goods? If a merchant offered items

another bill up for consideration would
enable cities to place a three per cent tax on
telephone company business done in their
municipality.

A measure that should never get out
of committee proposes to give veterans of
all wars a \$300 bonus payable in three
monthly installments of \$100. It would be
financed by a three per cent tax on motels
and lodging houses. Veterans already have
received as many benefits as they are en-
titled to. In and out of the service, they get
more of the best than any other troops in
the world. The tax burden for veterans be-
nefits long ago weighed down the top.

Meanwhile unanimous approval has
been given a statute voter reidentification
bill by the Senate privileges and elec-
tions committee. It should sail through the
Senate without any opposition. A similar
measure is pending in the House. This
worthwhile legislation has received wide
backing in the state press and certainly
should be passed.

Extra work and expense thrown on the
probate offices throughout the state would
be compensated for by a five cent fee for
each name handled. This has been proposed
in another bill.

Maybe Educational Set Up Is Basically Wrong?

In a talk to delegates at the State Edu-
cation Conference in Tuscaloosa June 23,
Robert W. Evans, executive secretary of the
Alabama Department of Elementary
School Principals, dwelt on "Financing Edu-
cation in the 1960s." He said:

"The influx of population has caused
drastic situations such as school plant
shortage, classroom teacher shortage, com-
petition for tax dollars and critical attitudes
toward a state function, while at the same
time decentralized so that it operates under
local control."

"This results in great diversity of stan-
dards, conflicts and difficulties in properly
financing education."

To avoid chaos in education in the
1960s he said there must be a strong uni-
fied professional group interpreting educa-
tion, lay leadership to insure proper finan-
cing and federal and state help to guarantee
education of American citizens.

The part of the speech that contained
the most startling statement about the di-
versity of standards and the fact that we
have a federal government, yet education
is a state function operated under local
control (school boards).

No business could operate successfully
with this many fingers in the pie so why
wouldn't it be a good idea to look over the
possibilities of having a strong central con-
trol of education at the state level. It
seems logical that trained educators who
have spent a lifetime working in their field
would be a lot better qualified to make de-
cisions regarding school matters than a

THE ELBA CLIPPER, ELBA, ALABAMA

Thursday, June 30, 1955

Farmers Should Check Lightning Protection System

The season of summer storms
is about to start. With them, the
season of lightning strikes begins.
July and August distributors
will bring lightning, which every
year destroys 2000 human lives
and \$80 million worth of farm
buildings.

A lightning protection system
does not offer absolute safety
from a bolt out of the blue. But
there is rarely a serious loss
where a good system has been
installed and kept in good con-
dition, says William T. Cox, A
P. I. Extension farm buildings
specialist. He reminds Alabama
farmers that a system which
jave good protection last sum-
mer may not be so good now.
Some systems are subject to cor-
rosion, and any system that has

in this category for sale at below cost, a
competitor could use this weapon
for the purpose of injuring him or substi-
tutally lessening competition.

Let's leave competition the way it is.
It's rough and tough on the businessman
but the customer is getting the most for
his money without any regulations on the
state level.

Cities, Veterans and Voters Would Be Affected

One bill that could mean something to
Elba finances came out of committee at the
state legislature last week without recom-
mendation. Backed by the League of Mun-
icipalities it would exempt gasoline used by
cities from the state gas tax. Judging from
the size of the gas bills okayed for payment
each month by the city council, this would
affect quite a savings over a year's time.

There is another way Elba could save
money on its gasoline bills, too. Right now
city business is passed from one station to
another. This is fair to the service station
operators as each gets his share of the city
trade. However, Elba could probably get its
gas cheaper by putting the business up
for bid. A fairly accurate estimate could be
made of the amount of gas used every six
months. Station operators within the city
could then be asked to submit bids for all
of the municipal gas trade.

Last time it was checked with county
school officials, they were getting gas for
one cent a gallon over wholesale price. This
is considerably better than Elba is doing
by passing the gas business around. Con-
sideration mark up on a gallon of gas is
three or four cents.

Getting back to the state legislature,
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